

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Alphonse "Toots" Peterson, and we are richer because Toots lives among us; and,

Whereas, Toots was born October 26, 1918, to Lars and Katie Larson at Stockholm, South Dakota, and grew up on the family farm with several brothers and sisters; and,

Whereas, Toots worked for many years at the Telephone Company and Creamery Company at Viborg, she and her first husband gave life and love to one daughter, Corrine, and Toots later celebrated 50 years of marriage to her second husband, J. Merle Peterson; and,

Whereas, Toots has given of her time and energy to the Viborg Fire Department, VFW community functions, playing the organ for various community events, the restoration of the Viborg museum, and continues to enjoys knitting, crocheting, decorating, and entertaining; and,

Whereas, Toots resides in her own home at Viborg, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on October 26, 2008, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

